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## MEDINA TO HAVE COMFORT STATION

### PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO BUILD THIS YEAR

Kiwanis Club Initiates Movement and Will Have Cooperation of Community Organization.—Selection of Site Now Under Advise.

The need of a public comfort station in Medina has been known and conceded for a long time, and once or twice a feeble effort has been made without avail.

During the past week the question has been revived, and with such vim that the outlook for this much-needed accommodation is now not only bright but there is a determination to provide it this year, if possible.

The matter was taken up by the Kiwanis club two weeks ago, and a committee, consisting of D. W. Shepard, F. P. Bagley and J. H. Adams, was appointed to test the public pulse concerning the proposal, and to obtain plans and estimated cost. The committee acted with the customary Kiwanis promptness, and submitted their report at the Kiwanis luncheon last Friday.

From a well-known Cleveland architect plans and drawings were obtained, and the estimated cost fixed at \$6000.

To obviate the possibility of any misunderstanding of its motives, the Kiwanis club, rather than to assume the full responsibility of the movement, arranged for a meeting Monday morning of this week with representatives of the Community organization, for the purpose of exchanging views and to agree upon some plan by which both organizations may unite for the common good. This meeting was well attended, elicited considerable discussion, and resulted in supplementing the Kiwanis committee by two members of the Community organization, whose duties will be to investigate suitable sites, and to report as soon as possible.

The plans already submitted are for a comfort station in the park, probably on the site of the present band stand, the latter to be removed to the east side of the park, a more satisfactory location. The building as outlined in the architectural drawings is very artistic, commodious, and would contain rest room, heating facilities and all requirements of a modern comfort station.

No site that may be found available will meet with the approval of every one, but it is the purpose to ascertain the consensus of opinion before a decision is made, and then proceed to put the move across with alacrity.

If the comfort station is to be located in the park, the County Commissioners have expressed a willingness to assist in financing the proposition in behalf of the county, providing they can do so legally.

There is no doubt in the minds of those who are initiating this movement that the matter of financing it will be the least of the difficulties to be encountered.

### AGED AND RESPECTED PIONEER WOMAN GONE

Mrs. Delight C. VanDeusen, 72, died on Monday of this week at the County Home, where she had been in poor health and physically helpless for some time. She was a native of Brunswick township, where she was born June 6, 1848. She was married to D. C. VanDeusen in 1901. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hazel of Cleveland; two granddaughters, and one brother, F. W. Eden, and two sisters, Mrs. W. D. Frazier and Mrs. W. D. Haight. Mr. Eden and Mrs. Frazier reside in Medina.

Funeral services were held at the Eden home on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. V. S. Goodale of the Church of Christ; interment will be made in Spring Grove cemetery today. Delight VanDeusen was a noble woman, blessed with a host of friends.

### TO DISMISS THOSE OF RETIREMENT AGE

Today the axe will fall on many Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania postal employees who have reached the age of retirement under the provisions of the new federal law.

Scores of these employees feel they are as competent as ever to discharge their duties and have pleaded to be allowed to continue in active service. Very few, however, are likely to be kept.

Postmaster General Burleson has authority to continue for two years those whom he considers competent, but his policy is to let the dismissal order stand in all except rare cases.

Those who will be effected in the Medina service are, Rural Carriers Albert Thomas and G. M. Brainard. They will continue service, however, until their places are filled.

### TO BE, OR NOT TO BE

Paving work on North Court street has progressed rapidly the past week, and according to Contractor Kellogg, the present pace will be maintained until the last brick is laid—providing there is no delay in the shipment of material. BUT, it was learned from Mayor Hartzog, Thursday morning that this delay is very likely to happen, as the supply of slag is practically exhausted and the railroad companies have informed him that the outlook for shipments is anything but encouraging. The supply of sand is also running low, but the Mayor has been assured of delivery of that material. So again we hold our breath.

### INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN CAR HITS AUTO

Dr. W. F. Thatcher of Oberlin, brother of O. C. and V. E. Thatcher of Medina, was instantly killed on Thursday night of last week, when his automobile was struck by a Lake Shore Electric limited car near Castalia, O. He was alone.

According to the statement of a young boy, the only eye-witness, Dr. Thatcher had just crossed two railroad tracks, where the interurban line intersects, when the latter car struck him. He expired a moment after being picked up.

The deceased visited his brothers in Medina less than two weeks before his death. Also a brother, A. G. Thatcher of Fremont, O., with the widow and three children survive.

Dr. Thatcher's home was in Oberlin, and he was on a business trip for an industrial concern with which he was associated at the time of the accident.

O. C. and V. E. Thatcher with their wives and J. E. Thatcher, the latter a nephew, attended the funeral, which was held at the home in Oberlin on Sunday.

### BURGLAR SURPRISED BY LOCAL SLEUTHS

Thief Gets Away Because of Darkness and Fog, Though Tracked Some Distance by County Blood Hound.—Used Railroad Tools.

About three o'clock Wednesday morning the office of the oil company on South Elmwood street, now being operated by E. W. Woods, assignee, was burglarized.

About 8:30, Nightwatchman Al Hange and Marshal Stowe White were standing near the postoffice, when their attention was attracted to a hammering sound apparently emanating from somewhere in the rear of the block. They proceeded to investigate, Hange going back of the Hemmett block, while White went back of the main business block. As they joined each other a moment later they definitely located the sound at the oil company.

Arriving there they were of the opinion that some one was tinkering with an auto preparatory to the day's work. The darkness, together with a heavy fog hanging at the time, prevented the officers distinguishing anything except a flashlight midway between the office building and barn. Hange spoke, whereupon the light vanished and the sound of retreating footsteps was heard.

Immediately it was discovered that the safe had been removed from the office to the center of the open area facing the street, the main door open and showing traces of where the inner door had been violently attacked, but entrance prevented by the surprise. The timely arrival of the officers saved the company about \$700 in currency and checks.

Sheriff Bigelow was summoned and with the aid of the county's blood hound the trail was located and followed as far as the creek that intersects the grounds of the Pythian Sisters Home, where it was lost.

A spike chisel, such as is used by railroad section hands, was found near the safe.

The main door of the safe was opened by knocking off the dial and then with a heavy maul and punch the tumbler was dislocated, allowing a free throwing of the bolts.

### LOCAL FIRE LADDIES COP BACON AT LORAIN

The annual convention and outing of firemen of the departments from Medina, Lorain, Huron, Vermillion, Elyria, Wellington, Oberlin and North Amherst, was held in Lorain on Wednesday, about fifteen of the local company being in attendance. The Medina boys captured first prizes of \$50 each in the hose reel and hook and ladder races, the time made in the respective races being 40 3-5 seconds and 35 1-2 seconds. In the foot race, Harry Huston won first prize of \$10, and A. Whitney, second, \$5. The boys report a good time.

The convention next year will be held in Medina.

### ANOTHER CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY IS FORMED

Four hundred and twenty-five farmers from the township of Brunswick, Hinkley, and Liverpool have organized a co-operative bureau for the handling of grain, flour, fertilizer, etc., and closed a deal this week whereby they take over the well-known flouring mills of C. Frank and Steck at Valley City. Similar organizations are in successful operation at Spencer, Sharps, Seville, Lodi and Litchfield, and doubtless the new organization will meet with equal success. The firm of Frank and Steck was organized in 1909, and has prospered from the start. Mr. Frank is a resident of Medina.

### UNION CHAIN COMPANY TO CHANGE LOCATION

Owing to the great increase in their business, officers of the Union Chain Company at Seville report that they are compelled to so enlarge their factory and equipment as to make necessary a removal from Seville. They have a number of prospective places in view in the southern part of the state, and the officials, of whom Chas. Frank of Medina is one, will leave on Monday to investigate the field.

### SIDE-LIGHTS ON ADRIAN M. NEWENS

Adrian M. Newens, the celebrated monologist, whose work here Sunday night proved to be one of the chief features of the local Chautauqua season, was born in Medina village, educated in our public schools, and is known personally to a great many of our citizens, with whom he mingled and exchanged greetings during the brief time he was here.

In conversation with the editor of the Sentinel, Mr. Newens related many interesting incidents connected with his life since he left his boyhood home at the age of seventeen years. Perhaps the one that has left the greatest impress upon his heart, occurred at the time he decided to leave Medina to carve for himself a career in the great world then lying new before him.

"As I was about to go away," said Mr. Newens, "a man laid in my hand a document, with the remark that it might be of use to me in securing employment away from home. Examining it, I found it to be a statement addressed to whom it may concern, proclaiming me as an honest, upright lad, and worthy of employment. It bore the signatures of nearly if not all of the business men of Medina at that time. Indeed it was of help to me," said Mr. Newens, "and I shall never forget the kindness of those who signed that statement, much less that great heart who was sponsor for it—Ephraim Brenner."

Asked how he came to engage in platform work, Mr. Newens replied, "I do not know. Somehow," he continued, "my life seems to have been made up of negatives. To illustrate, he said, "when I was about to leave

college, thru which I had worked my way, a friend asked me what I had decided to do for a living. I told him that I had no definite aim at that time, but that one thing was certain, and that was that I should never speak pieces for a living. In less than two years," continued Newens, "I was doing that very thing, and was happy in the work."

Some years later Newens was in Lincoln, Neb., calling on a friend who was connected with the University School of Music of that city. During our conversation," said Newens, "my friend asked me how I would like to be connected with that institution. I replied that of all things in the world I could think of that I wouldn't want to do, that of linking up with a school of music would be the last. It was not long thereafter until I was not only associated with this well-known seat of learning, but as its president, and in the duties of which no man could be happier than I."

Newens lectured in Elyria last Saturday night and that he might speak at the morning service of the Methodist church here Sunday, D. R. Pelton drove to Elyria to get him.

Fulfilling one's obligations was the theme of Newens' Sunday morning address, in which he declared that every one was obligated in some way to another, and that these obligations be met should be of one's first concern. The auditorium was filled.

Mr. Newens has addressed Medina audiences before, his last previous lecture having been delivered in the Congregational church about a dozen years ago, during the pastorate of Rev. Kirby.

### MAY SELECT MEDINA FOR STATE CLINICS

#### COUNTY ANSWERS ALL REQUIREMENTS

Application Has Been Made and Cooperation of Kiwanis Club Will be Asked by County Health Commissioner at Luncheon Today.

It is the plan of the State Department of Health in operation with the district board of health and the medical profession and with the assistance of the Ohio Public Health Association, the Red Cross and other kindred organizations to select a rural health district for purposes of experiment, and efforts are already being put forward to have Medina county selected for the experimental work.

County Health Commissioner Brinall, who has been officially informed of the plan, immediately made formal application to the state department, and will ask the cooperation of the Kiwanis club at the latter's weekly luncheon today.

The official health organization of the district selected will be supplemented and its activities directed for the purpose of demonstrating the meaning and results of an adequate and effective health service.

A similar experiment was conducted by the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Framingham, Mass., which was closely observed by sanitarians throughout the country, and that city became famous because of it from one end of the country to the other.

It is probable that Medina county, were it to be selected for the proposed demonstration, will become equally famous, and the resulting publicity could be expected to be of such wholesome character as to benefit not only the district, but also inspire surrounding counties to improve their health service.

The plan will be developed around the health center or health service station. This is a building housing the health department and other social and welfare agencies. Clinics of all kinds will be held here—tuberculosis, venereal, orthopedic, pediatric, eye, ear, nose and throat, and general medical. The clinics are not meant to take the place of the general practitioner or specialist, but to supplement their work by making such services available to the poor and to others who would not otherwise avail themselves of medical attention.

While the officials of the State Department of Health have not yet selected the county in which the demonstration is to be made, the Sentinel is reliably informed that the comparative advantages of several counties are being weighed carefully. The county to be selected must conform to the following requirements:

It must be a rural county, with no city over 10,000 population.

The roads must be passable in winter and spring so that the work will not be subject to seasonal interruptions.

The cooperation of the health department, the medical profession, the local chapter of the Red Cross and of all other official and voluntary agencies must be assured.

The county must reciprocate in the work, which is to be under local auspices after outside assistance has been given for a reasonable time.

Let's try and make Medina the Framingham of Ohio.

—More or less excitement was caused at the Union Hotel Wednesday evening by the discovery of an incipient fire in the front awning, caused, it is believed, by a lighted match or cigarette stub carelessly tossed from an upper window. The fire was soon extinguished by patrons of the hotel.

### OHIO LEADS IN SALE OF W. S. SECURITIES

Ohio continues to absorb more War Savings securities than any other state in the nation. Sales reports for July just issued at Washington show that the Buckeye state sold more than one-fifth of all the War Savings securities sold in the nation during that month.

Sales for last July were greatly in excess of the sales for a like period a year ago. Several small communities made exceptional records. Among the larger cities Columbus led all others with Cincinnati a close second.

Plans are now being laid to push the sale of War Savings Stamps with more vigor than ever in the public schools of Ohio this fall. The teaching of thrift has been made compulsory in Ohio through a law passed by the last legislature. This work will be stressed through the sale of War Savings securities.

### AFTER FOOD AND CLOTHING GOUGERS

#### MILK PRODUCERS ARE ALSO ON THE LIST

State Fair Price Commission Issues Late Bulletin Swearing Vengeance on Profiteers and Asks Cooperation of Retail Merchants and Public.

Secretary D. E. Straiton, Jr., of the Medina County Fair Price Commission received a new bulletin from the State Fair Price Commissioner, this week, effective at once, which declares the intention of the commission to proceed immediately against any and all manufacturers and jobbers of marketing food commodities, shoes, and clothing in this state who attempt to increase prices on these necessities until such facts are presented to and approved by the commission.

The commission asks the co-operation of all dealers in food commodities, such as retail grocers, butchers, and fish dealers, shoe merchants and retail clothing merchants, to report to local fair price headquarters, which in Medina county is at Wadsworth, any increase in the price of necessities from the manufacturers in or out of this state that they may have dealings with, and the same will be investigated by the Department of Justice. The State Commission bulletin further says:

There have been efforts made to increase the price of milk in Ohio. "Stop It." If the producers or milk dealers of Ohio are taking the attitude that larger margins of profit should be allowed, the burden is on them to show the necessity. Producers and distributors of dairy products are organized, and have well-paid, bright and efficient men for their representatives. That we have no objection to, so long as they do not transgress on the rights of the public.

Manufacturers and dealers in women's wear realize the power of control held by the women, and the situation in women's wear is favorable. But in regard to the situation in men's wearing apparel conditions are not satisfactory. Manufacturers of men's wear are conducting a campaign of propaganda seemingly designed to hold up prices, and further increases if possible. Apparently the so-called manufacturers' "guarantees" against decline, and the closing down of some factories are part and parcel to this well laid plan.

The Fair Price Commissioner of Ohio had hoped that the manufacturers and jobbers in men's wear would follow the lead of their associates in women's wear line, but since they have not, the department cannot rest idle.

### GRANGER READY FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saturday of this week marks the one hundredth anniversary of Granger township's existence as a separate civil division of the county, and as has been announced previously in the Sentinel the people of that prosperous section are going to make the occasion memorable in the annals of the township. It will be an all-day home-coming carnival and preparations have been made to accommodate as many as care to attend.

### MEDINA BOY MAKING GOOD

Harry Ferguson, former well-known Medina boy, but now of Lincoln, Neb., where he holds a responsible position as director of schools music in the University School of Music, has been spending the past week in his old home town, visiting his mother, Mrs. Samuel Walker, and shaking hands with his many friends. He was paid a very high compliment at the Chautauqua Sunday night by Adrian M. Newens, the lecturer, also a native of Medina, and president of the University School of Music at Lincoln, who stated that Mr. Ferguson not only ranked very high in his chosen profession, but is one of the best known and most popular men of the Nebraska capital.

### NOTES OF KIWANIS

The speakers at the Kiwanis club last Friday were Supt. Platt of the Chautauqua, and Harry Ferguson of Lincoln, Neb. The question of building a public comfort station in the park was discussed by the members and tentative building plans submitted by a committee appointed at a previous meeting. There was a fairly good attendance and Secretary Sam Brainard drew the attendance prize. The club authorized the contribution of \$25 to the Medina band from the club's funds.

The regular weekly luncheon of the club will be held today at the Church of Christ.

## CHAUTAUQUA SEASON HAS BEEN SUCCESS

### ENTERTAINMENTS OF SURPASSING EXCELLENCE

The Financial Result is Satisfactory and Medina is Assured of Another Chautauqua Next Year.—Review of the Week's Program.

Final financial report of the Chautauqua season shows that 941 tickets were sold—773 adults and 168 children. As the latter tickets were sold for half rate, indicates in dollars and cents the equivalent of 857 full tickets, or 157 more than the 700 which the contract called for. The 157 tickets represent a surplus of \$435.75. Deducting the war tax there remains a net profit of \$392.50, which, divided fifty-fifty with the Community organization, leaves a profit for that organization's treasury of \$196.25.

The sixth annual Chautauqua season for Medina will come to a close tonight. Like all of the preceding ones this too has been successful, both financially and as to quality and variety of entertainment, and it appears to be the consensus of opinion, borne out by the very large attendance throughout the season and the generous applause accorded each number, that the Chautauqua this year has been fully up to the standard of those of the preceding five years, if not, in some respects at least surpassing.

The present season opened last Saturday afternoon with a concert by the "College Singing Girls," numbering five handsome and accomplished young ladies. Their work was very good and was well received by the Chautauqua patrons.

They gave another excellent entertainment Saturday evening, followed by a lecture, "A Man's Size Job," by Roscoe Gilmore Stott, the basic idea of which was that the relative importance or potentiality of one's work is not to be measured by its lack of dignity or refinement. That the one big thing that counts is that "I love my job, and I have faith to swing my job." A supposed dialogue between a base and shaft was frequently employed by the speaker in accentuating the thought that every one's job is a "man's size job" for him who dignifies it by a spirit of joyful and faithful performance. Tho a serious message, Stott greatly added to its palatability by the admixture of humor, of which his nature clearly abounds.

The attraction Sunday afternoon was a concert by the Musical Arts Trio, consisting of violin, harp, and piano, with added vocal numbers. The young women forming the trio are true musical artists, and their work was of high artistic excellence. Following the trio, Dr. E. B. Evans of Chicago gave a lecture on Beacon Lights of Literature, pointing out the relation of literature to life. He spoke of the power of great books on the lives of readers, the influence of such books as Tolstoy's Resurrection, and great poems. Literature the record of man's progress on this planet. One of the beacon lights of literature is idealism, loyalty, and brotherhood. It was Rousseau's writings that gave the inspiration for the writing of the declaration of independence. Burns saw how "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn" and he sounded the note of human brotherhood. Another beacon light of literature is that of action, the carrying out of one's ideals. Another is the idea of serenity, and still another the law of spiritual justice, seedtime and harvest. Literature furnishes the idea of truth in all its power, and the unconquerable spirit, such as Henley proclaims when he says, "I am master of my fate, I am captain of my soul."

The final thought was that of immortality, eternity, in the heart, the Medina people in general, and declared that no other spot on earth is so dear to him as "Medina, Medina, county, Ohio."

The perils that unprotected girls so

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### LOCAL LEGION BOYS PLANNING BIG THINGS

A state convention of the American Legion will be held in Youngstown on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 23 and 24. Courtney Lawrence Post of Medina will be represented by Louis Best and Jos. Seymour, delegates, who were appointed at a meeting of the post last Thursday night. Alternates are Clarence Rickard, and Charles Griesinger.

At this meeting plans were also discussed for having a minstrel show, street fair, and a suggestion that a ladies' auxiliary to the post be organized met with approval and is now under advisement.

Louis Best, Fred Bohley and Marshall Bryant were named as committee for the proposed minstrel show; Mabelle Musser and Stanley Hartman for the ladies' auxiliary, and Wendel Lerch, Hugh Lanphear and Edward Kennan for the street fair.

### HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

W. C. Hancock of Wadsworth narrowly escaped fatal injury on Wednesday night of last week, when his auto turned over while making a curve on the Hinckley road about fifteen miles was driving at a good rate of speed and a heavy fog obscured the curve until too late for the car to make the turn. It landed on its top a wreck. Hancock made his way to a farm house some distance away, where his injuries were given temporary attention, and from whence he was conveyed home later in the night. His injuries consisted of severe bruises to his body and one eye, and several deep gashes on his right leg.